



U.S. Congressman

Dave Obey

Bringing the Nation's Top Medical Experts to Wisconsin

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Wisconsin's 7th District

Learn About the Latest Medical Breakthroughs at a Free Health Forum with the Nation's Leading Medical Experts

Dear Friend,

The American public and people of Wisconsin have made it clear that health care is one of their most serious concerns. They want health care to be affordable and available, and they don't want it taken away if they change or lose their jobs. These are issues that I care strongly about and ones I continue to fight for.

There is another side of health care that we are also concerned about – the area of health research. The key to that effort has been the National Institutes of Health (NIH), where America's best scientists, doctors, and researchers are working to find new ways to prevent and treat all kinds of illnesses. It's your tax dollars that make these breakthroughs possible.

As the top-ranking Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, which funds the NIH and all federal health research, one of my most serious responsibilities is to see that our best research efforts are adequately funded. Working in a bipartisan manner, we have almost **doubled our national investment in health research at NIH** over the last five years.

To give Wisconsinites a chance to hear first-hand about some of the latest breakthroughs in medicine, I am bringing several of NIH's best minds to central Wisconsin. I invite you to join me for free public forums in northern Wisconsin. This is a tremendous opportunity for you to hear – and get your questions answered by – some of the world's leading figures in medicine.

Everyone is invited. I hope you will be able to come, but to help us plan for room size and seating, please call us at (715) 842-5606 to let us know if you can attend.

Sincerely,


Dave Obey

What is NIH?

"NIH" stands for the National Institutes of Health. It was begun as a one-room laboratory in 1887 and today is one of the world's foremost medical research centers and the federal focal point for medical research in the U.S.



The goal of NIH research is to acquire new knowledge to help prevent, detect, diagnose, and treat disease and disability – from the rarest genetic disorder to the common cold.

NIH conducts research in its own laboratories and supports the research of non-federal scientists in universities, medical schools, hospitals, and research institutions throughout the country – including the Marshfield Clinic, UW-Madison, and others.

You can learn more about NIH at its website:
<http://www.nih.gov/>



Recently, I had a chance to talk with Wisconsin physicians about the latest breakthroughs in health treatment and medical research. **You will have a chance to ask NIH Medical experts your health questions on August 1 at free Wisconsin Health Forums.**

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Dave Obey Invites You to Free August Health Forums with the Nation's Leading Medical Experts

In a Northern Wisconsin Community Near You, Open to the Public

■ *Do you have questions on what we know about cancer?*

■ *Are you interested in recent advancements in understanding heart disease or Alzheimer's?*

■ *Do you want to hear about recent scientific breakthroughs in understanding human genetics?*

RICE LAKE

Friday, August 1, 2003
8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College
Conference Center
1900 College Avenue

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Friday, August 1, 2003
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College
Conference Center
600 N. 21st Street

These questions and more will be answered at upcoming free public forums on the latest advances in health care and medical research. The forums will include presentations followed by smaller break-out sessions.

Issues to be discussed will include:
cancer, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, heart disease, aging issues, arthritis, alternative medicines, and human genetics.

Everyone is invited to attend, but to help us plan, please RSVP to my Wausau office at (715) 842-5606.